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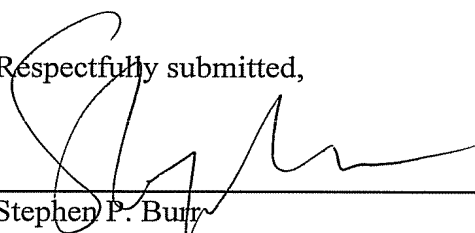
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Required copies of the references listed on Form PTO-1449 are attached. JP 11-237362 was already submitted with the IDS filed March 24, 2004. Japanese References AM, AP and AQ correspond to U.S. references AJ, AK and AL, respectively. JP 11-237362 was already submitted in the IDS filed March 24, 2004.

Also enclosed is a copy of an Office Action from a corresponding Japanese patent application bearing a mailing date of September 1, 2009, and the U.S. PTO is directed thereto for a concise statement of possible relevance of the references cited therein.

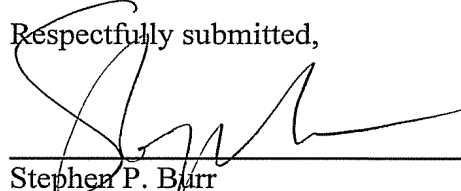
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